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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the Committee on Exploitation of  
Foreign Language Publications**

**SUBJECT: Review of USSR Program - Nonscientific**

1. Appended is a descriptive listing of Foreign Documents Division reports pertinent to this program.

2. Members of the Exploitation Committee are requested to have their substantive components review this program so that it may be discussed and adjusted at a Committee meeting in the near future.



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Enclosure:  
As indicated

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Monthly (cont.)

4. USSR Agriculture and Farm Machinery: Economic information on all significant aspects of Soviet agriculture, including new developments, crops, livestock, and land improvement. Also contains economic and technological data on the production of tractors and agricultural machinery, and regional and industrial-plant information.

5. USSR Electronic and Precision Equipment: Economic, technological, and some scientific information on the development and production of all electronic and telecommunications equipment and computers, on the most significant precision control-and-measuring instruments, on new automation systems, and on all major categories of electrical equipment except heavy power machinery. Contains biographical and plant data.

6. USSR Industrial Equipment (Transportation, Construction, Production, and Power Machinery): Economic and technological information on the production of Soviet motor vehicles, construction and road machinery, machine tools and other production equipment, and electrical and power machinery. Also contains biographical and plant data.

7. USSR Materials and Materials Processing Equipment: Economic, technological, and some scientific information on the Soviet chemical, petroleum, coal, gas, and metallurgical industries, and on the production of chemical and metallurgical equipment. Also contains plant data.

8. Transportation, Communications and Electric Power in the USSR: Information of economic and military interest in the indicated fields. The report is divided into three main sections: First, information of an economic, geographical and technical nature on railroads, including financial and operating statistics, line and equipment construction, equipment and rolling stock specifications; maritime and inland waterway shipping facilities, shipbuilding, and port construction and operation; motor vehicle transportation and highway information; and civil air fleet operations. Second, general and specific technical information on developments in radio (including microwave), telephone, telegraph, television, and postal communications. And third, economic and technical information on the construction, operation and geographical location of power stations, transmission lines, and power networks.

9. Urban Development in the USSR: Information of military/para-military, geographic, clandestine operations, and economic interest on city planning and development. Attention is given to new construction and layout of streets and highways, bridges, public buildings, parks and recreation facilities, commercial premises, private and government housing, industrial facilities and such public utilities as urban transit systems and gas, water and sewerage services.

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**CURRENT PROGRAM OF  
FOREIGN DOCUMENTS DIVISION  
SCHEDULED REPORTS (NON-SCIENTIFIC)  
ON THE USSR**

Weekly

1. Survey of the Soviet Press: Current Soviet internal developments -- economic, military, and particularly, political and sociological. Items of timely interest (accompanied by analytical comments when appropriate) from Soviet central, republic, and selected specialized newspapers, and occasionally from Soviet journals, are presented under the headings "Party Affairs," "Youth and Komsomol Affairs," "Workers and Trade Union Affairs," "Administration of the Economy," "Agriculture," "Housing," "Local Soviet Administration," "Cultural Developments," "The Press," "Ideological Questions," "Education," "Eastern Studies," "Nationalities Policy," "Negative Social Attitudes," "Religion," and "Legal Developments." Brief commentary on trends in Soviet press reporting, a chronology of important events occurring during the weekly reporting period, and a section entitled "Notes on Local Party Activities" are regular features. The report also contains occasional journal reviews and articles on happenings of special interest.

Monthly

2. Activities in the Arctic and Antarctic: Economic, geographic, sociological, and some scientific information on Soviet activities in the Arctic and Soviet and other countries' activities in the Antarctic which have no connection with the IGY program, including exploration, polar stations, communications, and settlement and development.

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3. Soviet Military Information Report: Reportage on Soviet Ministry of Defense, Army, Navy, Air Force, MVD, KGB, civil defense, and paramilitary affairs. Covers current developments and background information on: military administration, military-political relationships, political controls in armed forces; operating doctrine, tactics; military economics; organization, units, schools; personnel; training, indoctrination of troops, public instruction; state security, law enforcement; documents and publications; and technology and equipment.

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Bi-monthly

10. Information on Soviet Education: Developments in Soviet education at all levels of instruction as reported in Soviet newspapers and journals, with major emphasis on specialized pedagogical publications. A "Highlights" section summarizes significant developments in Soviet education during the reporting period. Information is regularly given under the headings "Decrees of Ministry of Education, Laws, and Administration," "School Reorganization," "School Construction and New Institutions, Faculties, and Courses," "Finance," "Curriculum," "Textbooks," "Language and Area Training," "Scientific and Technical Training," "Teacher Training," "Special and Experimental Schools and Correspondence Study," "Admissions, Examinations, and Graduations," "Student Activities, Occupations, and Attitudes," and "Graduate Study and Research."

11. Crime and Legal Developments in the USSR: Information on crime, law enforcement, and legal developments in the Soviet Union (with commentary when appropriate) from the Soviet central and republic press and legal journals. Items appear under headings "Case Reports," (crime case studies in summary form), "Problems of Law Enforcement," and "Legal Developments." Report also includes brief prefatory comment on trends in USSR crime and law enforcement during the reporting period, a statistical breakdown of reported data, and an index.

Quarterly

12. Labor in the USSR: Economic, sociological and political information on Soviet labor, wages, worker welfare and social security. Includes information on vocational training; the recruitment, supply and allocation of labor; systems of remuneration and incentives; organization and hours of work; union-management relations; and the social security system.

Semi-annual

13. Consumer Goods and Domestic Trade in the USSR: Information of economic and political interest on the production, distribution and retail sale of selected consumer goods. Details given on trade activities by organizations and by union republics, on new capital investment in selected consumer goods industries, the organization of retail trade, and, on production and trade-plan fulfillment statistics.

14. Soviet Economic Planning and Administration: Information of economic and political interest on the structure, function, operations, problems, and key personnel of Soviet economic-planning and industrial-administrative agencies, including USSR and republic planning commissions, their affiliated organizations, and the regional economic councils (sovnarkhozes).

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Annual

15. USSR Republic Budgets: Economic information from the USSR republic newspapers on proposed and approved union-republic and rayon budgets, and also the recommendations of republic budget commissions. Includes figures for all reported revenue and expenditure categories, together with explanatory notes.

Sporadic

16. USSR General Industrial Information: Economic and technological information on overall trends and developments in Soviet industry which are not limited to specific fields. Treats the problems of economic organization as applied to the production of industrial products. Much of the data concerns individual sovnarkhozes or geographic areas.

17. Report on USSR Ministries (Subtitle): Begun as ad hoc  of which 83, were published, and later issued as FDD summaries, of which 15 were published (the last in February 1958), these reports concerned the organization and function of certain USSR ministries and their administrative sub-organizations, trusts, institutes, and officials. Manpower considerations and, in some cases, lack of information have precluded the compilation of additional reports or the up-dating of those already published.

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It is recommended that this series be dropped as "scheduled" reports and published in the future, manpower and source materials permitting, as ad hoc reports.

18. Soviet Agricultural Machinery -- A Descriptive Catalog: Based on Soviet monographs and brochures, this report consists of a listing of all agricultural machines in use in the USSR up to the date of compilation of the separate parts, with model designations, general descriptions, technical specifications, photographs and sketches, and producing plants. Planned for publication in four parts, Parts I and II, Soil-Working Machinery and Planting and Fertilizing Machinery respectively, have been published. Part III: Harvesting Machinery and Part IV will be completed in December 1959 and General Service Machinery in June 1960.

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